

Property owned by Erastus W. Loomis in Wayne County, Pa.

Erastus W. Loomis was born on April 9, 1810, in Torrington, CT. Until seventeen years of age he lived on the farm that was owned by his father, Reuben Loomis, in Pleasant Mount, Pa.

At age seventeen, Erastus W. Loomis [as we learn from the biographical sketch of EWL that is given in HISTORY OF WAYNE, PIKE AND MONROE COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA by Alfred Matthews (Phila.: R. T. Peck & Co., 1886) by Alfred Matthews] "went to live with Francis Griswold, with whom he remained, working by the year, until he was thirty-one years old. Part of the time he received ten dollars per month, and paid his wages until he was of age to his father. On the 20th day of May, 1841, he led to the altar Miss Mehitabel Muzzey... In August, 1841, Mr. [Erastus] Loomis bought of W. W. Norton the farm now owned by William Rood [sic], and the newly-married couple commenced life thereon. It was in a bad condition, and Mr. Loomis at once commenced the work of improvement. The house and barns were repaired, fences built and fields cleared, thus doubling its value and making it a pleasant home. [Mrs. Erastus Loomis] passed away October 18, 1863, leaving a void in Mr. Loomis' life that could never be filled, and four years after he sold the farm, since which time he has lived with his relatives... (p. 590)"